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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COLLOQUIUM, BUTARE, JULY 3 - JULY 7,
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1. PAO MET WITH AMADY NATHE, PROCUREUR-GENERAL OF CHAD,
TO DISCUSS RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS COLLOQUIUM IN BUTARE. IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO THINK OF A MORE INACCESSIBLE PLACE IN
AFRICA FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE FOR A PARTICIPANT FROM CHAD.
AMADY SPENT FIVE DAYS EN ROUTE GOING AND COMING. HE IS STILL
AWAITING REIMBURSEMENT OF DOLLARS 300 SO HE CAN REPAY
ICA WHICH ADVANCED HIM MONEY FOR THE TRIP.

2. HE FELT THE CONFERENCE WAS SOMEWHAT LOOSELY
ORGANIZED FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE POINT OF VIEW AND
THROUGH THE LODGING WAS INADEQUATE.

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3. HOWEVER, BASICALLY A FORGIVING SORT, AMADY FELT
THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS CHARACTERIZED BY A SPIRIT OF
"MUTUAL COMPREHENSION" ON THE PART OF ALL PARTICIPANTS
WHICH AVERTED WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN AN OVERLY
POLITICIZED AND DRAMATIZED MEETING. HE FELT THAT THE
MEETING COULD SERVE AS A BENEFICIAL PRELUDE TO A
SIMILAR COLLOQUIUM TO BE TENTATIVELY HELD IN DAKAR IN

1979.

4. HE FELT THAT MORE EMPHASIS COULD HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE ROLE OF THE GREAT POWERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN AFRICA. HE THOUGHT THAT MORE DISCUSSION ON THE POWER, ROLE AND IMPACT OF THE POLICY OF THE GREAT POWERS IN AFRICA WOULD HAVE BEEN USEFUL IN PUTTING HUMAN AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN A MORE SUITABLE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK.

5. FINALLY, HE THOUGHT THAT THE REALITIES AND THE FACT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN AFRICA CAN COME ABOUT ONLY IF THE GREAT POWERS PLAY THEIR PROPER ROLES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

6. HE THOUGHT ALL PARTICIPANTS HAD THE "SAME COMPREHENSION" OF THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING AFRICA IN THIS AREA AND HAD SPECIAL PRAISE FOR CONFERENCE ORGANIZER WARREN WEINSTEIN, WHOM AMADY HAD MET PREVIOUSLY IN NDJAMENA.

7. IN GENERAL, HE THOUGHT THE CONFERENCE WAS USEFUL AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MORE EXCHANGES OF THIS TYPE. BRADFORD

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